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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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Liyong Li; Xiaoming Wang;	) Case No. C07-03653
Plaintiffs	
VS.	) PETITION FOR HEARING ON ) NATURALIZATION APPLICATION ) UNDER 8 U.S.C. §1447(b)
Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the	)
Department of Homeland Security;	)
Emilio T. Gonzalez, Director of U.S.	)
Citizenship and Immigration Services;	)
Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of Federal	)
Bureau of Investigation;	)
Christina Poulos, Regional Director of	)
California Service Center, U. S. Citizenship	)
And Immigration Services;	)
Alberto R. Gonzales, United States	)
Attorney General	)
Defendants	) ) )

NOW COME the Plaintiffs, Liyong Li and Xiaoming Wang, in the above-captioned matter, and hereby states as follows:

1. This action is brought for a hearing to decide Plaintiffs' naturalization applications due to Defendants' failure to adjudicate the applications within 120 days after the first examination in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") § 336(b) and 8 U.S.C. §1447(b).

### **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiffs Liyong Li and Xiaoming Wang are lawful permanent residents of the United States. Plaintiffs applied for naturalization to the United States and filed the N-400 applications. The applications were received by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) on June 23, 2005. Plaintiffs' fingerprints were taken on July 20, 2005. Plaintiffs were interviewed for their naturalization applications and passed the tests of English and U.S. History and Government on Oct. 24, 2005. Defendants have failed to make a decision on the applications within 120 days after the examination.
- 3. Defendant Michael Chertoff is the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and this action is brought against him in his official capacity. He is generally charged with enforcement of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and is further authorized to delegate such powers and authority to subordinate employees of the DHS. 8 U.S.C. §1103(a); 8 C.F.R. §2.1.
- 4. Defendant Emilio T. Gonzalez is the Director of the USCIS, an agency within the DHS to whom the Secretary's authority has in part been delegated and is subject to the Secretary's supervision. Defendant Director is generally charged with the overall administration of benefits and immigration services. 8 C.F.R. §100.2(a).
- 5. Defendant Robert S. Mueller, III, is the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the law enforcement agency that conducts security clearances for other U.S. government agencies, such as the Department of State. As will be shown, Defendant has failed to complete the security clearance on Plaintiffs' cases.
- 6. Defendant Christina Poulos, Regional Director of California Service Center, is an official of the USCIS generally charged with supervisory authority over all operations of the USCIS within her Region with certain specific exceptions not relevant here. 8 C.F.R. §100.2(d)(2). As will be shown, Defendant Director is the official with whom Plaintiffs' naturalization applications remain pending.
- 7. Defendant Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States, is the head of the Department of Justice (DoJ) and chief law enforcement officer of the Federal Government. The FBI, responsible for Plaintiffs' security clearance, is a department component of the DoJ. Responsibility for the completion of applicants' security clearance was formally delegated from the Attorney General of the United States to the Director of the FBI or his designee. In addition, Defendant has the sole authority to naturalize persons as citizens of the Unite States. 8 U.S.C. §1421. This action is brought against Defendant in his official capacity.

## **JURISDICTION**

8. Jurisdiction in this case is proper under the INA §336(b) and 8 U.S.C. §1447(b). Relief is requested pursuant to said statutes.

### **VENUE**

9. Venue is proper in this court, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §1447(b), in that Plaintiffs may request a hearing on the matter in the District where Plaintiffs reside.

## **CAUSE OF ACTION**

- 10. Plaintiffs are lawful permanent residents of the United States (INS: A#075683281 and A#075683303). Plaintiffs properly filed N-400 Applications for Naturalization with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in June, 2005. The USCIS acknowledged receipt of the application on June 23, 2005 and assigned an application number WSC001339938 and WSC001339939 (Exhibit 1).
- 11. Plaintiffs' fingerprints were submitted on July 20, 2005 to the INS Oakland Application Support Center located at 2040 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA 94612 (Exhibit 2).
- 12. Plaintiffs were interviewed at the USCIS Oakland Sub Office on Oct. 24, 2005 and passed the tests of English and U.S. history and government (Exhibit 3). But Plaintiffs were informed that their Applications are still pending for the completion of all necessary background checks.
- 13. Plaintiffs inquire the information about the status of their applications with USCIS 5 times and received replies from USCIS on Oct. 11, 2006, Feb. 01, 2007, and April 12, 2007, respectively. (Exhibit 4)
- 14. Plaintiffs authorized U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein on May 21, 2005 to inquire information about the status of their applications with FBI and USCIS. (Exhibit 5). But all to no avail.
- 15. Plaintiffs' applications for naturalization have now remained un-adjudicated for more than 610 days from the date of examination.
- 16. Defendants have sufficient information to determine Plaintiffs' eligibility pursuant to applicable requirements and complete the processing procedures.
- 17. Defendants, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1446, have failed to make a determination on Plaintiffs' naturalization applications within the 120-day period after the date of examination.

## **PRAYER**

18. WHEREFORE, in view of the arguments and authority noted herein, Plaintiffs respectfully pray that the Defendants be cited to appear herein and that, upon due

considerations, the Court enter an order adjudicating the naturalization applications. In the alternative, the Court may remand requiring Defendants to immediately adjudicate Plaintiffs' naturalization applications. In addition, Plaintiffs request an award of reasonable Plaintiffs' costs including filing fees and service of process fees and such other relief at law and in equity as justice may require.

Dated: July 16, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Plaintiffs

## LIST of ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit	Description
1.	USCIS form I-797C acknowledging receipt of Plaintiffs' N-400 naturalization applications on June 23, 2005
2.	USCIS form I-797C acknowledging processing of Plaintiffs'
3.	fingerprints on July 20, 2005. USCIS form N-652 showing that the Plaintiffs passed the
4.	Naturalization Interview on Oct. 24, 2005 Letters from USCIS on Oct. 11, 2006, Feb. 01, 2007, and April
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APPLICATION NUMBER WSC*001339938	June 23, 2005	PRIORITY DATE June 23, 2005	PAGE 1 of 1

APPLICANT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

LIYONG LI

1144 MOUNT WHITNEY ST LIVERMORE CA 94551

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Single Application Fee:

\$390.00

Total Amount Received:

\$390.00

Total Balance Due:

\$0.00

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The above application has been received by our office and is in process. Our records indicate your personal information is as follows:

Date of Birth:

June 12, 1962

Address Where You Live: 1144 MOUNT WHITNEY ST

LIVERMORE CA 94551

Please verify your personal information listed above and immediately notify our office at the address or phone number listed below if there are any changes.

You will be notified of the date and place of your interview when you have been scheduled by the local INS office. You should expect to be notified within 460 days of this notice.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice or the status of your case, please contact our office at the below address or customer service number. You will be notified separately about any other cases you may have filed.

If you have other questions about possible immigration benefits and services, filing information, or INS forms, please call the INS National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283. If you are hearing impaired, please call the NCSC TDD at 1-800-767-1833.

If you have access to the Internet, you can also visit INS at www.ins.usdoj.gov. Here you can find valuable information about forms and filing instructions, and about general immigration services and benefits. At present, this site does not provide case status information.

INS Office Address:

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INS Customer Service Number:

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# N-652, Naturalization Interview Results

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	Please follow the intructions on Form N-14.
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	It is very important that you:
	Notify USCIS if you change your address
	Come to any scheduled interview.
	Submit all requested documents.
	Send any questions about this application in writing to the officer named above. Include your full name, Alien Registration Number (A#,) and a copy of this paper.
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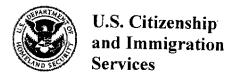
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File No. A075-683-303

App Id:

Date: 10-11-06

Officer: db

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This is in response to your recent inquiry. A review of your application shows that your Form N -400, Application for Naturalization, is still pending for the completion of all necessary background checks. Unfortunately a decision on your application cannot be made until all required security checks have been completed. All cases pending for security checks are regularly reviewed for any new cases that have cleared.

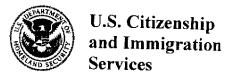
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Any future inquiries for cases pending outside normal processing times should be directed to the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

Thank you.

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security San Francisco, CA 94111



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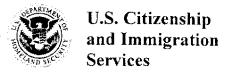
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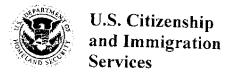
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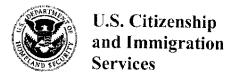
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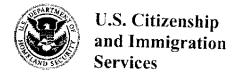
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504 http://feinstein.senate.gov

June 29, 2007

Xiaoming Wang 1144 Mount Whitney St Livermore, California 94551

Dear Xiaoming:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns with the status of your name check. I appreciate your bringing this to my attention and giving me an opportunity to see if my office can be of assistance.

I have asked Morgan Galli in my San Francisco office to assist you. Ms. Galli has contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your behalf. You will hear back from my office when a response is received from the agency, which usually takes eight to ten weeks.

Again, thank you for contacting me. My San Francisco staff will do all they can to help you.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504 http://feinstein.senate.gov

June 29, 2007

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Dear Liyong:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns with the status of your name check. I appreciate your bringing this to my attention and giving me an opportunity to see if my office can be of assistance.

I have asked Morgan Galli in my San Francisco office to assist you. Ms. Galli has contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your behalf. You will hear back from my office when a response is received from the agency, which usually takes eight to ten weeks.

Again, thank you for contacting me. My San Francisco staff will do all they can to help you.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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